GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRASESH

ABSTRACT

Revenue (Endowments) Department – Curbs on Cash Payments in Temples and Other Endowments Institutions – Certain Instructions - Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 314 Dated: 17-03-2017

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ORDER:

It is brought to the notice of the Government that some of the Executive Officers of Temples and Charitable Trusts are regularly making large cash payments for the purpose of undertaking various routine maintenance works, for various purchases also and wage/ salary payments. This practice is bad in spirit, lacks transparency and can lead to corrupt practices.

2. After careful consideration of the matter Government hereby issue instructions as follows:

(i) No payments to temple staff including outsourced or contract staff shall be made in cash hereafter.

(ii) No payments for purchase of Provisions, Puja materials, etc., shall be made in cash hereafter.

(iii) No payments for maintenance works and for incurring daily routine expenditure shall be made in cash hereafter.

(iv) Aadhar numbers of individuals who are being made any payment shall be recorded compulsorily (in case of companies and Commercial establishments PAN/TAN numbers) even when such payment is made through Banking Channels.

3. The Executives Officers shall only make all type of payments through account payee Cheques, Demand Drafts, RTGS /online only with immediate effect. If any incidents which are contrary to these instructions comes to the notice to the Government, serious disciplinary action will be initiated against the concerned Executive Officers.

4. The Commissioner, Endowments Department shall review this item during regular meetings with field Officers, Assistant Commissioners of Districts and Deputy Commissioners have to supervise this aspect during their inspections of various temples. They shall bring these instructions to the attention of all Executive Officers in monthly review meetings and ensure that payments are made through Banking Channels here after.

5. The above directions will come into force with immediate effect.

6. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Vijayawada shall take necessary immediate action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.S.V. PRASAD,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner, Endowments Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Gollapudi, VIJAYAWADA.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER